

**CITY OF CLEWISTON  
Regular Commission Meeting  
June 17, 2013**

The City of Clewiston City Commission held its regular Commission meeting in the City Hall Commission Chambers Monday, June 17, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Phillip Roland. Commissioner Miller led the audience in the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendance:**

**Commissioners Present:** Mayor Phillip Roland, Commissioner Mali Gardner, Commissioner Richard Miller, and Commissioner Julio Rodriguez. Commissioner James Pittman was absent.

**Personnel Present:** City Manager Al Perry, Finance Director Ted Byrd, City Clerk Marilyn McCorvey, Golf Course Superintendent Ford, City Attorney Charles Schoech, Utilities Office Manager Rhonda Davis, and Police Lt. Mike Rowan.

**Visitors Present:** Jerry Cochran, and Curtiss Pullen.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** – City Manager Perry asked that Resolution No. 2013-08 be added to the agenda as Item 7-A and the DEP Agreement be added to the agenda as 7-B

**Presentation and Overview by Sheriff Steve Whidden Concerning School Resource Officers in Hendry County Schools** – Sheriff Whidden informed the Commission that his office is applying for a grant that would put resource officers in 5 Hendry County schools. Sheriff Whidden asked the City for help in coming years to ensure that the officers would stay in the schools after the grant was exhausted. H.C. School Superintendent Puletti stated he believes this issue is the school board and the county's responsibility. The Commission stated that if the City is in a position to help, we will.

**1. Consent Agenda**

A. *City Commission Minutes – May 20, 2013*

**Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays. (Commissioner Pittman was absent.)**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**2. Development Order for DollarTree** – DollarTree has submitted a development order for a building to be located at 1008 West Sugarland Highway. The Technical Review Committee met on May 6 and revised plans were submitted on May 13 for plan review. The Planning & Zoning Board met on June 10 and recommends approval of the Development Order. The Public Hearing was opened. Community Development Director Reese informed the Commission the project appears to be on target with the permitting process. Noel Barnett with Bohler Engineering gave an overview of the building, building site and entrance. He stated the exterior of this particular store has been upgraded. There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

**Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Development Order for DollarTree. Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays. (Commissioner Pittman was absent.)**

**RESOLUTION**

**3. Resolution No. 2013-06** – This resolution establishes a budget for Byrne Memorial Justice Grant in the amount of \$4,961.00, and a budget for the spray park with funds coming from the Voluntary Recreation Fund in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.

**Commissioner Miller made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve Resolution No. 2013-06. Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays. (Commissioner Pittman was absent.)**

## **ORDINANCE**

- 4. Ordinance No. 2013-04 – First Reading** – This Ordinance gives the Special Magistrate the authority to preside over red light camera traffic citations. City Manager Perry read Ordinance No. 2013-04 by title. Commissioner Rodriguez asked to see a review of the red light cameras, such as the revenue, tickets issued, local vs. non-local tickets, etc.

**Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve Ordinance No. 2013-04 on first reading, and set the second and final reading on July 15. Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays. (Commissioner Pittman was absent.)**

## **MISCELLANEOUS ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 5. CDBG Bid Awards** – On February 8, 2012 the City was awarded \$700,000 to rehabilitate, demo and/or replace ten (10) housing units occupied by low-to-moderate income homeowners. We have been able to secure enough applicants who are income eligible for the program. Environmental clearance has been received, all applications have been income qualified, site specific environmental assessments for all homes have been completed, and lead based paint inspections completed. Award recommendations include four (4) demo/replacement units and six (6) rehab units. The CDBG activity entitled “Rehab/Demo/Replacements” has \$560,000.00 available and the ten projects total \$551,834.00, with \$8,166.00 remaining for potential change orders. The City will be limiting the amount of temporary relocation provided to each applicant. Reasonable rent and storage will be provided to the four demo/replacement applications and storage will be provided to the six rehab projects.

**Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Miller to award the 10 CDBG units to the low bidders as follows (1) Bartley Gray, demo/replacement to low bidder, Clean Cuts, LLC in the amount of \$76,900; (2) Dora Cortez, demo/replacement to low bidder, Clean Cuts, LLC in the amount of \$77,000; (3) Young Pearson, Jr. demo/replacement to low bidder, Clean Cuts, LLC in the amount of \$78,000; (4) Osvaldo Perez, demo/replacement, to low bidder, Clean Cuts, LLC in the amount of \$75,000; (5) Cindy Aceituno, rehab to low bidder, Dog House Construction in the amount of \$29,609; (6) Leticia Martinez, rehab to low bidder, Pittman Contracting in the amount of \$41,250; (7) Angel Zamora, rehab to low bidder, Clyde Johnson Contracting & Roofing in the amount of \$37,600; (8) Judy Hatcher, rehab to low bidder NYC Construction in the amount of \$74,300; (9) Mary McKenzie, rehab to low bidder, Clyde Johnson Contracting & Roofing in the amount of \$25,175; (10) Azel Rush, rehab to low bidder, Clyde Johnson Contracting & Roofing in the amount of \$37,000. Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays. (Commissioner Pittman was absent.)**

- 6. First Amendment to Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement Between Hendry County and City of Clewiston Regarding the Justice Assistance Grant Program Award.** City Manager Perry stated this agreement only reduces the term of the grant.

**Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve the First Amendment to Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement Between Hendry County and the City of Clewiston regarding JAG program award. Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays. (Commissioner Pittman was absent.)**

- 7. Approval of Interlocal Agreement between the City and Hendry County Concerning Recreational Facilities, programs and Services for FY 2012-13.** The County Commission approved this Interlocal Agreement at their meeting on Tuesday, June 11. City Manager Perry stated this agreement came about after several months of work by Finance Director Byrd and Recreation Director Ramer.

**Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Interlocal Agreement Between the City and Hendry County Concerning Recreational Facilities, Programs, and Services for FY 2012-13 and authorize the Mayor to sign.**

**7-A. Resolution No. 2013-08** – This resolution authorizes the City to give PRM notice that we intend to go out for bids for our property and casualty insurance. City Manager Perry read the resolution by title.

**Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve Resolution No. 2013-08. Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays. (Commissioner Pittman was absent.)**

**7-B. Approval of State Revolving Fund Amendment 2 to Loan Agreement WW260401.** Finance Director Byrd stated the purpose of this agreement is to reduce the loan payments. City Attorney Schoech recommended approval of the agreement.

**Commissioner Miller made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gardner, to approve the State Revolving Fund Amendment 2 to Loan Agreement WW260401 and authorize the City Manager to sign. Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays. (Commissioner Pittman was absent.)**

**8. Departmental Monthly Reports** – Presented by information only.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - At this time, any person will be allowed to speak on any matter that pertains to City business.

**REPORT FROM FINANCE DIRECTOR** – Finance Director Byrd stated the City has stayed below the expense budget and is currently in good shape.

**REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER** – City Manager Perry stated the City is not unhappy with PRM or its service, but is going out for bids to test the market.

**REPORTS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY** – City Attorney Schoech stated he feels the Buchanan claim is progressing and is almost ready for trial.

**REPORTS FROM THE CITY COMMISSION** – Mayor Roland asked the City Manager, Commissioner Miller and Golf Superintendent to discuss a potential Golf Advisory Board member to replace Brandon Pena. Public Works Director Scheffler stated we are getting a lot of mosquitoes and he feels we are doing what we can to combat them. He stated the traps serve a couple of purposes; (1) to identify if the mosquitoes are those that carry disease and (2) to get enough data to prove why we are spraying for mosquitoes. He stated that the rain has delayed the paving and the apron project but he is in hopes they will start this week.

**ADJOURNMENT** – 6:05 p.m.

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Phillip Roland, Mayor

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Marilyn McCorvey, City Clerk